

ORIENTAL PHILOSOPHY AND COMPARATIVE
RELIGION

1443 Q St., N. W.



SUBJECT OF LECTURE
SUNDAY EVENING

July 29th

AT 8:15

**"MAN, THE IMAGE
OF GOD"**

WEDNESDAY
EVENING

August 1st

AT 8:15

"NON-RESISTANCE"

(Continued)

"How would progress be possible," we are asked, "if everyone lived the life of Non-Resistance? Progress is born of struggle, of resistance."

Is it? we reply, or is it not rather born in spite of struggle and resistance?

Which child learns quickest, the one who struggles and resists at every step, or the one who is calm, quiet, confident? The last surely, and this is easily understood, for resistance tears down, while the essential characteristic of progress is a building up. Whatever progress is made by the reformer, the pioneer, is made in spite of his struggles; and all that remains to the world of his work is constructive, the building which he, and others have erected after the tearing down of the old. This tearing down is sometimes necessary, to free the ground, but it is no essential part of true progress.

But surely war is necessary, we are told, to protect the personal rights of the individual, or of the nation. Non-Resistance is much more necessary, we answer, for Non-Resistance betokens strength, power, life, in the one who practises it, and our only hope of eliminating war is to develop a nation strong enough to be able to say "I will not fight," and hold to its principles in spite of any provocation.

This nation, when it is born, will never be brought into slavery, its inner moral force will be such that it will be at once the servant and the ruler of all others; their brother and their example towards which they aspire.

So it is with the individual.

Questions asked in the After-Talk:

What is meant by "Feeling the heart beat peacefully?"

Are we right in continuing to make overtures when these are continually rejected?

Does not Peace come from the balancing of one's forces, from poise?

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